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MAHAR NAMED BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER.

(BISMARCK, ND) - Governor John Hoeven recently appointed Pat Mahar of Cavalier to serve on the Bank of North Dakota (BND) Advisory Board. Mahar's term is effective through June 30, 2009.

A native of Hamilton, ND, he graduated from Cavalier High School and attended Mayville State University. Mahar has been active on several Boards including National President of the American Sugar Beet Growers Association, Red River Valley Sugar Beet Growers Association, American Crystal Sugar Company and the United Valley Bank.

In the agricultural industry for many years, Mahar operates the family farm with his brother and son. They primarily raise sugar beets, edible beans and small grain crops.

"I'm excited to join the BND Advisory Board and look forward to the new challenges and opportunities this position represents," says Mahar. "North Dakota needs to continue growing and diversifying economically, especially in smaller communities. I hope to contribute to this goal with my presence on the Advisory Board." Pat and his wife, Barbara, have three sons: Bill, Scott and David.

The Advisory Board advises the Industrial Commission, comprised of Governor John Hoeven, Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem and Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson on banking and consumer matters regarding BND.

Bank of North Dakota, the nation's only state-owned bank, was established in 1919 to encourage and promote agriculture, commerce and industry in North Dakota.

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